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## BURNSVILLE DRINKING WATER QUALITY REMAINS CLEAN, SAFE

On Friday, March 19, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) announced that contamination from PFAS has been detected in groundwater near landfills across Minnesota, including the Freeway Landfill in Burnsville. PFAS are a grouping of chemicals used widely in products such as clothing, furniture, adhesives, food packaging, heat-resistant non-stick cooking surfaces, and the insulation of electrical wire. Although this is a significant announcement regarding the environmental health of Minnesota, it is important to note that nothing has changed regarding safe drinking water in Burnsville. Burnsville's drinking water continues to meet all of state and federal regulations for safe drinking water.

The flow of groundwater collected for drinking water in Burnsville flows from south to north toward the Minnesota River. The Freeway Landfill is north of the drinking water collection area meaning that groundwater used for drinking water is not mixing with groundwater from the Freeway Landfill. The City continues to test its drinking water sources and the results show that the City's drinking water meets all standards for safe drinking water.

"At the City of Burnsville we are committed to providing safe and quality drinking water to residents that meets or exceeds federal and state requirements," said Public Works Director Ryan Peterson. "We support MPCA's position that Freeway Landfill cleanup needs to occur for the benefit of our natural environment and long-term drinking water supply, but we want our community to know that Burnsville's water supply remains safe."

The City of Burnsville's most recent annual Drinking Water Quality Report, with results from testing completed in 2019, show the City continues to provide clean, safe drinking water from each of its water sources. The information included will help residents learn more about the City's drinking water supply, and increase awareness of the need to protect Burnsville's precious water resources.

**View the Report Online at [www.burnsvillemn.gov/waterreport](http://www.burnsvillemn.gov/waterreport).**

The report with testing completed in 2020 will be available online in April.

*With questions about the report, or to request a printed copy contact Utilities Superintendent Tony White at 952-895-4552 or [tony.white@burnsvillemn.gov](mailto:tony.white@burnsvillemn.gov).*

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